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Patent No.:	7,169,173		
Title:	Composite Stent with Regioselective Material and a Method of Forming the Same		

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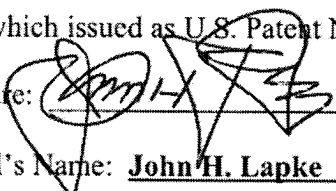
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**CONSENT BY ASSIGNEE**

Sir/Madam:

I declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of Abbott Cardiovascular Systems Inc.

Abbott Cardiovascular Systems Inc., as assignee of the above-identified application, hereby consents to a correction of inventorship to add Fuh-Wei Tang as an inventor to the above-identified patent (U.S. Patent No. 7,169,173, Application Serial No. 10/668,781, filed on September 22, 2003, and claiming priority to Application Serial No. 09/895,753, filed on June 29, 2001, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,656,216).

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